



Outstanding Public Service Award

U.S. Senator Charles E. Grassley

For his outstanding leadership on behalf of children with gifts and talents as United States Senator from Iowa, the Council for Exceptional Children salutes Charles E. Grassley. Senator Grassley is a nationally recognized leader in the effort to ensure that America's three million students with gifts and talents have access to an education that is challenging, fosters growth, and is appropriate for their unique learning abilities.

Senator Grassley has made the education of America's advanced learners a top priority in his Senate career. Over the years, Senator Grassley has demonstrated steadfast support for gifted education and the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act, the only Federal program dedicated to supporting the learning needs of America's students with gifts and talents. With Senator Grassley's continued leadership, the Javits program provides essential resources for educators that help meet the needs of the nation's most promising learners. Recognizing the important role of advanced learners in the global marketplace, Senator Grassley continuously leads the charge in advocating for an increased investment in the Javits program. Senator Grassley's commitment to students with gifts and talents has successfully raised awareness and built support for the Javits program with his fellow Senators. This unwavering leadership, creative thinking, and unparalleled dedication, provide students, families and educators across the nation hope for the future.

The Council for Exceptional Children is honored to recognize Senator Grassley for his distinguished service to America's future leaders.

COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ruth Coleman".

Mary Ruth Coleman

President

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